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Padres honor military with 13th annual game

BY LANCE CPL. ROBERT W. BEAVER
Chevron staff

The San Diego Padres honored service members during their Military Opening Night game against the Los Angeles Dodgers at Petco Park April 4.

The game marked the thirteenth year the Padres expressed their gratitude to the men and women of the armed services.

"The Padres are the only team to have two opening games," said Jack Ensch, the director for military marketing for the Padres. "This is the one game of the year where we can show our appreciation for the military."

Selected service members were recognized in front of more than 40,000 fans during the pregame ceremony held moments before Brig. Gen. Angie Salinas, commanding general, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region, threw the opening pitch

of the game.

The depot color guard also presented the flag for the national anthem, which was sung by a Navy musician.

For the ninth year, the Padres played the ballgame wearing desert camouflage team jerseys as a salute to the military, according to Ensch.

"There's nothing better than being here with America's team," said Brig. Gen. Salinas. "The jerseys they wear to show their support are awesome.

"The military is an important part of the San Diego community," said Ensch, a retired Navy captain. "We want to show them our appreciation because they keep our nation free and strong. Not only do they protect us by fighting overseas but they volunteer in our community."

Ensch said the Padres and an event sponsor worked together to provide 5,000 free game tickets to service members and their families.

"Anything the community can do to show their support is a good thing," said Sgt. Alfonso

Valenzuela, mechanic, Company A, 4th Tank Battalion.

"Some people do not agree

with what the military does so it's cool that the Padres would do something like this."

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Brig. Gen. Angie Salinas, commanding general, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region, throws the opening pitch of the Padres game against the Los Angeles Dodgers April 4. For additional pictures see page 8. Photo provided courtesy of the San Diego Padres

San Francisco landmark hotel dedicated to service members

BY LANCE CPL. CHARLIE CHAVEZ Chevron staff

n the streets of San Francisco, within walking distance to Chinatown — and a short ride to the Golden Gate Park — stands a tribute to service members. The Marine's Memorial Club and Hotel is a remembrance of the sacrifices made by Americans fighting for their country in World War II, and lodging for veterans and their families.

The 18th commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. Alexander A. Vandegrift, decided to construct the memorial in honor of the Marines who lost their lives in the Pacific fighting the Japanese during World War II. The Marine Corps constructed the memorial in San Francisco near Union Square Nov. 10, 1946.

Hotel rates for enlisted are \$69 Sunday-Thursday, and \$89 Friday and Saturday. Officers and club members pay \$135 and up for weekdays and \$145 for weekends.

The Marines Memorial Association is composed of over 21,000 members from across the United States and around the world. Free memberships are offered if applied for at the hotel to active duty and active reserve. Membership for retired service members and veterans is \$110 initially, and \$100 yearly thereafter, said

Mackenzie Jakoubek, assistant membership manager.

Membership affords reciprocal club privileges at over 150 private clubs throughout the world, and dues and other donations to the Marines Memorial Association are tax-deductible and affords participation in club-sponsored special events, such as the George P. Shultz Lecture Series featuring leading political and military leaders, dinner dances, holiday champagne brunches, New Year's Eve celebrations and the Marine Corps Birthday Ball.

The Marines' Memorial Association also sponsors a scholarship program directed toward members, their immediate family and their grandchildren.

Four separate scholarships are offered by the Marines Memorial Association to include: two awards of the Bechtel Engineering and Science Scholarship worth \$5,000; eight awards of the Sergeant Rose Scholarship worth \$2,500; two awards of the Col. Richard Hallock Scholarship worth \$2,500; and four awards of the Col. Jack Barnes Scholarship worth \$1,000-\$2,500.

Membership also allows spouses and children over 21 years of age to be eligible for their own guest cards which entitles them to stay at the hotel at

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membership rates.

Few hotels in San Francisco offer rooftop dining, a library/museum, ballroom accommodations, 138 rooms and suites, a business center, a local health club with a pool — all within one 12-story beaux-arts structure two blocks from cable cars and the theater district.

The hotel rooms have traditional accented furnishings, marble baths, cherry wood armoires and modern conveniences. Rooms have telephones with voicemail and data ports. Rooms also feature cable television, coffee makers and irons and ironing boards among other amenities.

Guests can expect complimentary full breakfasts, and piano music nightly in the restaurant. The business center offers free Internet access. The hotel outsources its premier fitness center to one of America's leading Health Club Companies, Club One, Inc.

Guests staying at the Marines Memorial Club & Hotel can use the Club One Fitness Center located on the lower level of the club for free.

The fitness center offers a deep-water heated lap pool, personal training, nutritional counseling, group exercises classes and a full range of spa treatments

The hotel also welcomes well-behaved pets for a \$12 fee per day, and all guests

checking into the hotel must sign the pet policy agreement. To apply for membership, call (800) 562-7463.



The Marines' Memorial Club and Hotel in San Francisco opened in 1946 and is dedicated to the men and women who have served our country.

Photo courtesy of the Marines' Memorial Club and Hotel



EDUCATORS WORKSHOP

9th Marine Corps District high school administrators, teachers and counselors visit depot to learn about the Corps. PRACTICE MAKES
PERFECT

Bravo Company recruits get 20 hours of rehearsal for graduation day

RECRUIT SPOTLIGHT

Despite surgery, recruit graduates today

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Showing appreciation to those who serve at home

CPL. JAMES GREEN Chevron staff

Since 1986, Congress has designated the month of April as "Month of the Military Child." Some may ask why because they don't see the sacrifices made by military families. Military members and their families can tell you why.

I grew up in a home with two retired Navy parents. I had the stricter rules and the expectance of perfection in every task, sport and event. I endured more than other kids I knew, but it wasn't until recently that I realized how much harder my older brother and sisters had it.

They were around for the deployments and the stress of having two active duty parents. What opened my eyes was having a child of my own. Right now, my daughter is two-and-a-half years old. She doesn't notice our moving around or my being gone for a couple of weeks at a time for training, but it's only a matter of time before she is old enough to realize that daddy isn't always there. She will start to notice when we relocate to a new place and she has to make new friends and go to a new school.

I think children are the ones who sacrifice the most in the military. They were not part of the decision to join the military and live this lifestyle. It is good to know that at least one month out of the year is set aside to recognize the contributions and personal sacrifices our children make for the Corps.

Personally, I know my daughter was my main reason for joining. I joined to give her a better life, to be able to provide for her; and she has been my inspiration everyday. I think she, and other children who provide their parents with the same inspiration to serve, deserve recognition. This is just another great way to thank them for all they go through.

Here on the depot, events are set up throughout the month of April to show our appreciation to the children who fight the battle of time with their parents every day.

Although I never personally felt the challenge of dealing with the stresses of having active duty parents, I am now on the other side of the fence with a daughter who will endure those challenges because of my decision to make the Marine Corps a career.

Knowing that the military

is doing what they can to ease the discomfort caused by the deployments and long hours away from home makes it easier for me as a parent to do my job without worrying if my daughter knows that I appreciate what she goes through.

Far too often the sacrifices of

the children are overlooked. I will do what I can to ensure this doesn't happen in my family.

For more information on the Military Child Appreciation events, visit www.mccsmcrd.com or call (619) 524-0916.



Mya Green, two-and-a-half years old, is the pride and joy of her father, Cpl. James P. Green, Headquarters Co., Public Affairs. From Cpl. James Green personal collection

Preparation and research pays off in buying a car

By Lance Cpl. Austin Goacher Marine Corps Air Station Miramar

Service members looking to buy a new vehicle can expect to spend more than \$20,000 on a new car such as the Toyota Camry or Dodge Charger.

While many may be tempted to rush out and buy a nice new car, it's important to plan ahead, explained Craig Hughes, accredited financial counselor aboard Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif.

"The first step to purchasing a car is to make a budget and estimate how much you can afford to spend on a vehicle," said Hughes. "Budget in the 'true' cost of a car, which factors in extra expenses like insurance, gas and vehicle maintenance.

"You shouldn't sacrifice your financial health to purchase a vehicle," said Hughes.

After coming up with a budget, the service member should decide whether to purchase a new or used vehicle, according to Hughes.

"Though new cars depreciate in value as soon as they leave the lot, they're guaranteed to be well maintained," said Hughes.

Regardless of which they decide to buy, service members should check consumer reports on the vehicle they are considering for purchase, said Hughes.

"I would recommend gathering your information before you go buy a car," said Marcella Norris, a member service representative at the Navy Federal Credit Union here. "When going to buy a car, the more you know, the easier it is to find the car you want."

Service members can get preapproved auto loans from a variety of banks and credit unions, said Norris.

"Being pre-approved enables you to become a cash buyer and allows you to negotiate a better price," said Hughes.

"It's important to have your loan secure when you go in to buy a car," said Hughes. "That way, you can possibly get a better interest rate and not be at the mercy of the dealership's finance company."

"Before you apply for a loan, you should double check your credit report to ensure it is accurate," said Hughes. "You can check it for free on www.annu alcreditreport.com." A few things to look at prior to visiting a car lot include the invoice price of the vehicle, which is the price the dealer paid for the automobile, the additional features available and the consumer reports on the vehicle, according to Hughes.

"You should visit dealerships at the end of the month because they will be trying to clear out their inventory for the next month," said Hughes. "When you get there, negotiate up from the invoice price not down from the manufacturer's suggested retail price."

If purchasing a used car, it should be looked at by a trustworthy mechanic, said Hughes.

"Whether getting a used car checked out for free, \$5, \$50 or \$100, it is well worth the money it could save you in the long run," said Hughes.

Service members can get prospective vehicles checked out at the Auto Skills Center here.

In addition to having a mechanic check the car, they can visit www.carfax.com, to view a detailed history of repairs to the vehicle by typing in its vehicle identification number, said Hughes.

Days of Remembrance

During the week of April 27 through May 4, the observance "Days of Remembrance" for victims of the Holocaust is commemorated throughout the Department of Defense. A joint resolution designating the Days of Remembrance was proposed on July 20, 1979. The main intent was to dedicate the week, not just as a commemoration, but as a living memorial. Days

of Remembrance and observances activities can occur during the week of Remembrance that runs from the Sunday before "Yom Hashoah" (Holocaust Remembrance Day) through the following Sunday. Days of Remembrance are observed by state and local governments, military bases, workplaces, schools, churches, synagogues and civic centers.

BRIEFS

Happy Baby, Happy You

The MCRD San Diego Family Advocacy Program has scheduled a "Happy Baby, Happy You" class as part of their New Parent Support Program. The class will take place in the FAP conference room building 6E on April 24 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For information, registration call (619) 524-1200.

Casino Night

Casino Night at the Recreation Center, Bldg. 590, will be available to depot personnel and their families tonight from 7 to 10. Games include craps, Black Jack roulette and Texas Hold'em poker. The cost is \$15 per person and \$25 per couple. Free child care at the recreation center will be offered. For information call (619) 524-4446.

3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

Active duty military are invited to compete in two days of basketball competition for a 3-on-3 tournament, 3-point shootout, slam dunk contest and free throw challenge at Crown Point Shores, Mission Bay, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 17, and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 18. The first 32 teams that sign up have free registration. The cost for an adult team of four players is \$100. To register, go to www.pacifi clifeholidaybowl.com. Registration deadline is May 9. For information call Pacific Life Holiday Bowl at (619) 283-5808.

Single Marine Program

The Single Marine Program's mission is to assist the Corps in improving total force readiness, job performance, and retention by contributing to the improvement of quality of life for all single Marines. The SMP is intended to enhance the morale and well-being of single Marines. It supports the command by identifying quality of life concerns and by providing recommendations for improvement.

SMP meetings are held on the last Wednesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center, Bldg. 590. This meeting is for activity and event planning, and addressing any QOL issues for all MCRD single Marines and sailors. There will be free pizza and soda for all attendees.

Upcoming SMP events

April - Pre-Season Baseball Trip, Tempe, Ariz. May - School volunteer work

June - Whitewater rafting trip July - Soak City / Medieval

Times / Day trip the San Diego Fair

August - Baywatch Theme Barracks Bash

September - Amusement Park day trip

October - Viva Las Vegas November - TV tapings in L.A./Thanksgiving

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High school officials take a look at Marine Corps basics

BY MCRD SAN DIEGO Public Affairs

High school administrators, teachers, counselors and reporters from Recruiting Station Kansas City and Lansing, Mich. experienced a week-long synopsis of Marine Corps recruit training during the Educators Workshop Monday through today.

Drill instructors greeted the bus load of educators the same way they greet new recruits on the well-known yellow footprints.

The yellow footprints are used by drill instructors to make their immediate and intimidating presence known by running and yelling at new recruits.

Classroom briefs describing the entire enlistment process, including recruiting, joining the Marine Corps, boot camp graduation, and the Fleet Marine Force, and informed the educators about Marine's lifestyles.

"It has just deepened my appreciation for an organization I already appreciate," said Mark V. Robison, dean of students at White Cloud Public Schools, White Cloud, Mich.

Educators were invited at the end of the first day to take part in the Bayonet Assault Course on the depot. They maneuvered through obstacles, crawled through tunnels and carried rubber M-16A2 service rifles while wearing Kevlar helmets.

"It was hard. All the extra

weight made it harder," said Lisa A Fent, orchestra teacher at Hill Crest, Springfield, Mo.

The educators also visited Weapons Field Training Battalion, Edson Range, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., to witness weapons firing and field training.

"The program is tremendous, almost unbelievable. You can read all about it in books

and magazines and it doesn't have the same flavor because it is comprehensive," said Sarah E. Hardina, English teacher at South Haven, South Haven,

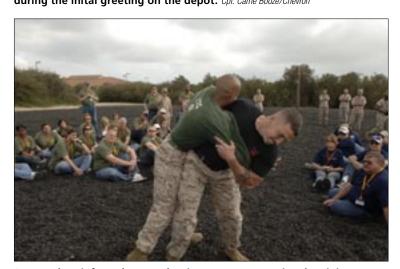
Educators leaving the depot today said that they have a better understanding of the Marine Corps and the young men and women who embody



Mark Robinson, dean of students, White Cloud Public Schools, White Cloud, Mich., attacks a simulated enemy towards the end of the Bayonet Assault Course on a physical training field on Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 8. Pfc. Jose Nava/Chevron



Sgt. Anthony Souhngen, drill instructor, Receiving Company, shouts at the educators to get off the bus and line up on the yellow footprints during the inital greeting on the depot. Cpl. Carrie Booze/Chevron



Sgt. Wade Winfrey, close combat instructor, Instructional Training Company, demonstrates a hip throw for educators during their Marine Corps Martial Arts Program class. Pfc. Jose Nava/Chevron



Sqt. Wade Winfrey, left, close combat instructor, Instructional Training Company, demonstrates a ground technique for educators with Sgt. Sidney Pineda, right, close combat instructor, during their Marine Corps Martial Arts Program class. Pfc. Jose Nava/Chevron



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Recruit graduation

Company B Marines practice for final ceremony before graduation

BY CPL. CARRIE BOOZE Chevron staff

Every Friday several hundred new Marines march across Shepherds Memorial Drill Field for the final time during their graduation ceremony.

Before reaching that memorable day, they must undergo over 20 hours of graduation practice and rehearsal where they perfect their close-order-drill movements.

"According to the drill manual, the hall-marks of the world's fighting organizations, the Roman Legions, the Spartans, the Foreign Legion, the British Brigade of Guards and many others are that they are as good on parade as they are in the field or in the attack," said Gunnery Sgt. Martin Huizar, regimental drill master.

This is the first time the new Marines' friends, families and guests will see the collaborative effort they have made to transform them from civilians into Marines. In order to ensure that the Marine Corps is graduating the nation's best, the company puts forth full effort into each ceremony, said Huizar.

"When we started practicing for graduation, everyone was really nervous, but after the extensive practice our platoon has gotten in sync," said Pfc. Jared Scherer, Platoon 1027, Co. B. "The drill instructors were patient and spent a lot of one-on-one with us, so now I feel confident that I will do well during the official ceremony."

During the rehearsals, the company reviews basic static drill movements, Pass in Review and the retiring of the guidons.

According to www.squad-leader.com, Pass in Review originated in medieval days when departing crusaders marched before the king to be inspected and to pay their respects to

At the end of the ceremony, the company guides retire their guidons to their drill in-

structors, which symbolizes the disbanding of the platoons.

"I see my final step on the parade deck as the first step in my Marine Corps career," said Scherer. "I have always dreamed of being a Marine and I know that graduation will be the best day of my life."

their leadership. Over time, however, Pass in Review has been modified and is now a long-standing military tradition that began as a way for a newly assigned commander to inspect their troops.

to be inspected and to pay their respects to

Staff Sgt. Eloy Cardenas, drill instructor, Platoon 1025, and his new Marines perform an "eyes right" while practicing their Pass in Review. The Pass in Review originated in the medieval days when the troops marched before the king to be inspected before leaving for battle.

Cpl. Carrie Booze/Chevron







Moises Ruizmarquez, drill at parade rest to his plato



Staff Sgt. Brian Drechsler, Platoon 1026, and his platoon, execute a salute during graduation rehearsal on Shepherd Memorial Drill Field, April 7. Cpl. Carrie Booze/Chevron



instructor, Platoon 1025, shouts the command to stand on during graduation rehearsal. Cpl. Carrie Booze/Chevron



Company B drill instructors march out of their original formations with the company guides before retiring the guidons. Retirement of the guidon, the passing over of the guidon from the guide to the drill instructor, symbolizes the disbanding of the platoon.

Col. Carrie Booze/Chevron



Staff Sgt. Jose Romero, 1st Battalion drill master, motivates Company B Marines during a formation outside of their squad bays before beginning graduation practice, April 7. Cpl. Carrie Booze/Chevron

Co. B Marine overcomes obstacle to graduate

BY LANCE CPL. CHARLIE CHAVEZ Chevron staff

Perseverance, dedication and courage have been part of the Marine Corps' legacy since 1775, but boot camp exemplified the meanings of the words for one Company B recruit who finished his training after being sidelined by surgery.

Pfc. Steven A. Ocampo, Platoon 1021, had no intention of joining the armed services until terrorism acts at home changed his mind.

Ocampo grew up in Pasadena, Calif., and was attending middle school when the Pentagon and the World Trade Center were attacked on Sept. 11, 2001.

"The attacks opened my eyes to a world that I didn't know," said Ocampo. "As a young naïve person, I thought everyone loved America and that no one wanted to do us harm."

His older brother joined the Army after finishing high school to do his part in the War on Terrorism, Ocampo said. Ocampo too became interested in joining the Army, but decided first to speak with a Marine Corps recruiter.

"I knew that the Marines were the best," said Ocampo.

He signed up for the Delayed Entry Program, a commitment to enlist before leaving for boot camp, near his home and began training for the upcoming boot camp.

A month later, Ocampo left his home to begin his training with Company I. During his initial week of medical screening at Receiving Company before beginning training, Ocampo was diagnosed with a hernia.

"I thought that I would get through training and then get my surgery," he said. "Instead, they did my surgery in November and I went to the (Medical Rehabilitation Platoon)." Ocampo enlisted with five close friends from high school in Company I before being dropped to MRP, and while he was healing, his friends became Marines and graduated.

"It was a little discouraging to see them become Marines without me, but my fellow recruits and the drill instructors in MRP helped me to get through it," said Ocampo. "I think about the recruits who truly want to be (in training companies) to finish, but they can't."

While in MRP, Ocampo took the time to advance past his competition by learning his Marine Corps knowledge, information about training, and resting to get healthy.

"When (recruits) come to MRP, it's damaging to their pride, morale and overall well-being," said Sgt. Daniel I. LeBron, drill instructor, MRP. "We are still drill instructors, but we have to delicately approach their situations to mentor them through."

LeBron said he used inspirational pieces and personal experiences to keep Ocampo and the other recruits of MRP motivated through this period before returning to training.

LeBron said he could relate with Ocampo because he experienced three separate hernia surgeries.

After several months recuperating in MRP, Ocampo picked up with Company B, Platoon 1021, to finish training.

During the first of three boot camp phases, Ocampo was made the platoon guide — recruit leader of



Pfc. Steven A. Ocampo, Platoon 1021, Company B, studied in the Medical Rehabilitation Platoon to finish boot camp as a platoon squad leader.

the platoon; and a squad leader — one of four subordinates to the guide, during the last two phases.

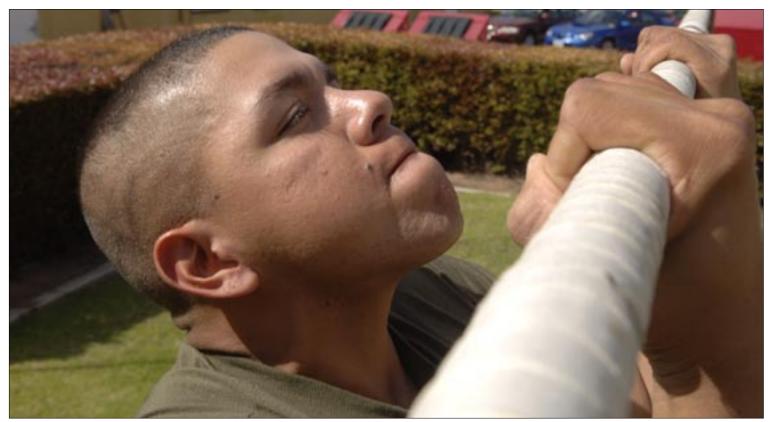
"He was extremely motivated when he came from MRP, which is a little unusual because some-

times the recruits returning don't have high morale," said Staff Sgt. Luis L. Jenkins, drill instructor, Platoon 1021, Co. B. "He was really good with the other recruits; he knew that he knew more, but instead of out-performing them, he helped them."

Ocampo entered training doing six pull-ups, which is only three more than the minimum. Now he does 15, which is three-quarters of the maximum, said Jenkins.

Ocampo said that one of the most important things he has learned in training is that he can go above and beyond his expectations of himself and accomplish anything he sets his mind to.

Ocampo spent nearly seven months on the depot, and he is excited about the next step in the Marine Corps, the School of Infantry at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.



Pfc. Steven A. Ocampo, Platoon 1021, Company B, does pull-ups on Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Monday. Ocampo came into the Corps doing six pull-ups and now he does 16. Lance Cpl. Charlie Chavez/Chevron

Capt. Johnny W. Poole

PARADE REVIEWING OFFICER

Captain Johnny W. Poole is currently assigned as the assistant chief of staff for religious ministries, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region.

Poole was commissioned as an ensign in the Navy Chaplain Corps' Theological Seminary Student Program in February 1984 following the completion of his first year of graduate studies at Memphis Theological Seminary.

Following his 1985 graduation from seminary with a Master of Divinity degree, he was assigned to Commander Naval Surface Group Four in Newport, R. I. During this tour, Poole served as the group chaplains for 21 surface ships home-ported along the Eastern Seaboard.

In September 1987, Poole was transferred to Naval Training Center San Diego, Calif., where he served as a Recruit Training Center staff chaplain and later as the special assistant to the command chaplain.

After completing a Master of Theology degree at Princeton Theological Seminary, Poole reported in 1991 to the United States Naval Academy and served as the chaplain for 4th Battalion. During this tour, he earned his Doctorate of Ministry degree from Wesley Theological Semi-

nary in Washington, D. C.

Ordered to the USS *Abraham Lincoln* in July 1994, Poole served as deputy command chaplain and deployed to Southwest Asia and participated in Operation Southern Watch.

In December 1996, Poole reported to the Bureau of Naval Personnel and served as the pastoral care and ethic advisor to the assistant chief of naval personnel for community support. In November 1997, the bureau relocated to Millington, Tenn. and Poole was reassigned to the staff of the commandant, Naval District Washington, D. C., where he served as senior Navy representative at the Arlington National Cemetery Annex. In February

1999, Poole reported to the office of the Navy chief of chaplains and served as branch head for Religious Ministry and Reserve Affairs.

In September 2001, Poole transferred to New River, N. C., where he served with Marine Aircraft Group 29, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, Fleet Marine Forces Atlantic as the group chaplain and as an aviation combat element chaplain for Marine Amphibious Group East during the combat phase of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In November 2003, Poole was assigned as chaplain, Navy Region Southwest and deployed with the Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa.

Poole's personal decorations

include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, four Meritorious Service Medals, three Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, and two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals.





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The Marines of Company B stand in formation during their graduation rehearsal on Shepherd Memorial Drill Field, April 7.

Padres honor military members



The Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego color guard paraded the American flag before more than 40,000 baseball fans during Military Opening Night. Lance Cpl. Robert W. Beaver/Chevron



Justin Germano, San Diego Padres pitcher, winds up a pitch in the game against the Los Angeles Dodgers. The Padres players replaced their normal jerseys with camouflage jerseys in honor of the occasion.



Seaman Jacob Foster, Seaman Recruit Zachary Christman and Seaman Recruit Michael Lantz from Fleet Anti-Submarine Warfare Command enjoy chili nachos after serving as flag bearers during the San Diego Padres' annual Military Opening Night opening ceremony.

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Service members render a salute during the "The Star Spangled Banner" at the Military Opening Night, before the San Diego Padres begin their game against the Los Angeles Dodgers at Petco Park, April 4. Lance Call Robert W. Beauer/Cheumn